

REMARKS

By this amendment, the Applicants cancel claims 2-3. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claims 1, 4-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 3-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ganapathy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,953).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ganapathy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,953) and Barbara et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,710,916).

The Applicants respectfully delete claims 2 and 3. Claim 1 has been amended to include limitations from claims 2 and 3.

The above amendments make the pending rejections noted above moot.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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